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Community Life Survey: Loneliness

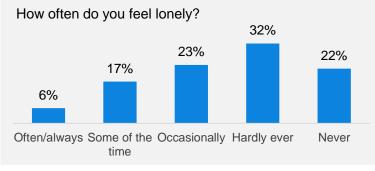
This factsheet summarises official statistics on Loneliness for adults (16+) in England, based on data from the 2018-19 Community Life Survey

6% of adults

feel lonely

(16+) said they

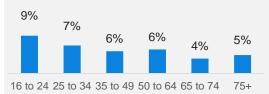
often or always



Who feels lonely often or always?

The proportion feeling lonely often or always is higher among...

16 to 24 year olds than those aged 35+

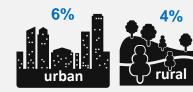


People with a limiting long term illness (LLTI)/disability

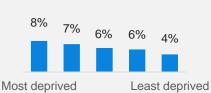
14%



People living in urban areas



People living in the most deprived areas



but...

Men and women had similar rates of feeling lonely often/always



Rates between ethnic groups and regions were also similar

LLTI/Disability No LLTI/Disability

exchange text or instant messages



speak on the phone/video call





meet up in person



email or write

Support Networks

Social Interactions with friends or family at least once a week

96% agreed that if they needed people to talk to, there is someone they can count on to listen

91% agreed that if they wanted to socialise, there are people they can call on





95% agreed that if they needed help, there are people there for them



For more information see https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/community-life-survey--2